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NEWS.

DR. E. ULE has returned to Berlin with rich collections from South America.

DR. EUGENE ASKENASY, honorary professor of plant physiology in the University of Heidelberg, died recently.

THE *Revue Générale des Sciences* for October 30 contains a full account of the life and work of the late Professor Cornu.

DR. ANTON HANSGIRG, of Prag, has retired after forty years' service as professor of botany in the Imperial University of Bohemia.

DR. E. B. COPELAND has been appointed "systematic botanist" by the Philippine Commission, and sailed November 10 for Manila.

AMERICAN GARDENING announces that Mrs. Phoebe Hearst has provided funds for the erection of a building for the department of botany in the University of California.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY has awarded a medal to Mr. Horace T. Brown for the work on the chemistry of carbohydrates and on the assimilation of carbon dioxid by green plants.

THE LONG PROMISED English translation of Schimper's *Plant Geography*, by W. R. Fisher, revised and edited by Percy Groom and Isaac Bayley Balfour, is promised for December 15 by the Oxford University Press.

DR. ARNOLD DODEL has retired from the professorship of botany in the University of Zürich. The post vacated will not be filled, but Dr. Alfred Ernst, the assistant, will give instruction in general botany and physiology.

AFTER A short illness the well known systematist, Hofrath Professor C. Haussknecht, died in Weimar on July 7. His large herbarium will be maintained by the family under the auspices of the Thuringian Botanical Society.

ON OCTOBER 25, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Professor Hugo DeVries' appointment as professor of botany at Amsterdam, Professor Went, on behalf of his Dutch friends, presented him with 4250 gulden to be devoted to the further study of mutation.

UPON INVITATION the Botanists of the Central States will meet at St. Louis during the annual meeting of the A. A. A. S., December 28, 1903, to January 2, 1904. A business meeting of the society will be held on the morning of December 30, at a place and hour to be announced on the general program.

ACTIVE STEPS are being taken by the Committee of Organization for the international botanical congress at Vienna in 1905 to provide for the discussion, among others, of the nomenclature question, to which the afternoons of the week, June 12-18, are to be devoted. A circular stating the present arrangements has just been distributed, which can be obtained by any who are interested and have not received it by addressing Dr. A. Zahlbruckner, Wien I, Burgring 7, Austria.

HOWELL'S *Flora of Northwest America*, which has been in course of publication since 1897 is now completed. The author has struggled against many difficulties in producing this work, for which he himself has set the type. Those who have used the parts in the field have found it exceedingly useful. The collections of Mr. Howell, containing types of many species, have been acquired by the University of Oregon and he is to be employed in arranging them for use and safe keeping.

THERE IS contained in *Nature* for November 5 an account of the botany at the Southport meeting of the British Association. One morning was devoted to a discussion of heredity, and another to the origin of monocotyledons by the Misses Sargant and Thomas. Professor Farmer gave a semi-popular lecture on stimulus and mechanism. Short abstracts of a number of papers are given. Several botanical excursions were made, especially to the neighboring sand dunes. In the section for Geography there were several papers of botanical interest dealing with plant geography.

THE Society for Horticultural Science was organized September 9, 1903, in the rooms of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Boston on the occasion of the twenty-eighth biennial session of the American Pomological Society. The officers are: president, L. H. Bailey; vice-presidents, G. B. Brackett, T. V. Munson, E. J. Wickson; secretary-treasurer, S. A. Beach; assistant secretary, V. A. Clark; executive committee, the president, *ex officio*, L. C. Corbett (chairman), W. R. Lazenby, J. C. Whitten, F. A. Waugh. The object of the society is the strengthening of horticultural investigation and teaching on its scientific side and the aiding in the development of horticulture as a science. The society is especially designed to meet the professional and technical requirements of horticultural investigators and teachers. The field of the society is clearly defined and heretofore unoccupied. It lies between that of the popular societies on the one hand and that of the societies for general science on the other, and connects them. The programs are to include, besides papers on original investigations, summary presentation of scientific knowledge on special horticultural topics. Some one topic of general and immediate interest is to be made the central feature of each program and is to be announced in advance. The first meeting with a scientific program will be held at St. Louis in Convocation Week, December 28-January 2 next.